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SUBJ: EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BETWEEN YIGAL ALLON,

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER, AND SECRETARY

KISSINGER ON SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL AT BEN GURION AIRPORT,

VEBRUARY 10, 1975

1. ALLON: QUOTE: WE ARE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE DR. KISS-
INGER AND MRS. KISSINGER AND THEIR COMPANIONS ON THEIR
OFFICIAL VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY, A VISIT WHICH WAS
DECIDED UPON WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY, WHEN
THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. KISSINGER ACCEPTED MY
INVITATION TO PAY US AN OFFICIAL VISIT. BUT AS YOU WELL
KNOW, FOREIGN MINISTERS TODAY ARE LESS FUSSY ABOUT THE
OFFICIAL SIDE OF VISITS AND PROTOCOL AND SO ON, AND I
AM SURE THAT THEIR SHORT STAY WITH US WILL BE USED FOR SOME
POLITICAL TALKS IN WHICH WE SHALL BE ABLE TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS TO ASSESS THE SITUATION TOGETHER IN
OUR COMMON EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PEACE, OR AT LEAST
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SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE. WELCOME TO THIS

COUNTRY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MR. SECRETARY.
END QUOTE.

2. KISSINGER: QUOTE: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER,
MRS. ALLONG. I DO NOT QUITE KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET
THE STRESS ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE OF MY VISIT
BECAUSE I CANNOT QUITE IMAGINE WHAT MY PREVIOUS
VISITS WERE. AT ANY RATE, IT IS ALWAYS
A GREAT PLEASURE TO COME AND SEE MY FRIENDS IN
ISRAEL. I AM HERE TO DISCUSS WITH MY FREINDS--
IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP
THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONSHIP--WHAT
FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARDS PEACE
IN AN AREA WHICH HAS LONG NEEDED IT AND FOR A
PEOPLE THAT HAS LONG YEARNED FOR IT. I WELCOME
THE DECISION THAT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE
ISRAELI CABINET ENDORSING THE STEP-BY-STEP
APPROACH. THE UNITED STATES, OF COURSE, IS NOT
COMMITTED TO ANY PARTICULAR APPROACH, IT IS
COMMITTED TO RAPID PROGRESS. WE WILL WORK
CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY AND IN A SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP WITH OUR COLLEAGUES OF THE ISRAELI
CABINET. WE AGREE WITH THEM THAT THE STEP-BY-STEP
APPROACH IS LIKELY TO BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE. WE
ARE PREPARED TO EXPLORE OTHER MEANS AND OTHER
FORUMS, IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO MAKE RAPID
PROGRESS. BUT WHATEVER WE DO, IT WILL BE IN A
SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, AND WITH THE ATTITUDE
THAT THE SURVIVAL AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL ARE A
BASIC AMERICAN CONCERN. THANK YOU. END QUOTE.
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